Shortage of Petrol in the Capital

*40. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was shortage of petrol in the Capital in the recent past;

(b) whether public transport system was affected thereby;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to meet this shortage since the commuters mostly depend on public transport system;

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce rationing of petrol in the Capital, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) As per information received from the Delhi Administration, there is no proposal to introduce rationing of petrol in the capital at present.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Total requirement of Petrol, Diesel, L.P. Gas and Other Petroleum Products

92. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of petrol, diesel, L.P.G. and other petroleum products in the country at present;

(b) what is the indigenous production of these products and how much is imported to meet the shortfall; and

(c) what are the schemes at present being executed to achieve self-sufficiency in respect of petroleum products and by when India is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in the respect?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The consumption of petroleum products during 1990-91 is estimated to be about 55 million tonnes.

(b) The indigenous production of crude oil during 1990-91 is estimated to be about 32.75 million tonnes. About 20.8 million tonnes of crude oil and 8.7 million tonnes of petroleum products are planned to be imported in the current year.

(c) Steps proposed to be taken up by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency are:

(i) Setting up of grass root refineries & expansion of existing refineries.

(ii) Intensification of activities relating to exploration & production of crude oil & natural gas.

(iii) Attaching high priority to energy conservation measures in all sector of economy.

Satellite survey to locate Petroleum Reserves in the Country

93. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Satellite survey to locate petroleum reserves in the country and its territorial waters has been conducted;